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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

by Earl V. Tuttle

Another year has rolled by and the time is growing short for NENA to plan another convention to be held in Worcester in the Fall.

There is a tremendous lot of work to be done in the field to recruit new members, contact old members and member clubs.

There seems to be great enthusiasm among the new collectors and with proper coaching they will become ardent collectors and solid members of not only their local clubs but also will join the A.N.A. and N.E.N.A.

Soon after the new year, there will be called a board meeting and a committee for the annual convention will be selected of which the chairman shall be selected from Worcester County Numismatic Society, who is the sponsoring club for 1953.

The members of NENA should look with pride at the growth of NENA for only a few years ago it was a small and struggling organization, which had trouble in seeking a city to hold its one day convention.

There is no question in my mind that NENA has helped local clubs tremendously to get enthusiastic members, and there is no better numismatic education that can be obtained than by attending a NENA convention.

We will try to make the next convention the largest and most interesting one, from the standpoint of collecting and entertainment on record for NENA.

I want to congratulate Mr. James F. Clapp, Jr., the chairman of the 1952 convention, which was held in Boston October 11 and 12; also, Past President Maurice M. Gould, the Secretary June Pond and the rest of the committee and members that made it so successful a convention.

It was gratifying to see so many that came from outside of New England to attend, establishing the fact that many that do not live in New England are interested in our endeavors.

In conclusion I hope every member will try to sign up a new member for the coming year, and also bring a friend to the coming convention.

Be sure to attend your local club, also visit clubs in other cities whenever possible.

Because of space limitation in our November issue, we were unable to publish for NENA-NEWS readers Giuseppe DeLellis' fine tribute to Mrs. Shepard Pond's election to the A.N.A.; and circulated to the BNS membership.

To President DeLellis of BNS's beautiful bouquet of appreciation we would like to add our orchid of gratefulness for her well done difficult job as NENA Secretary-treasurer of 1952.

And let us interject here, that we are delighted that Miss Eloise Cloues has volunteered to fill out Miss Jessie Thornton's office for 1953. Miss Cloues did credit to NENA under Max Kuhner's leadership.

To the ladies, heaven bless them, go our thanks for their able work for numismatics. Maybe sometime (this is not a promise!) we can find space to mention them all.

To ALL BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY MEMBERS -

During the past two years, I have come to realize more and more how much our Secretary, June T. Pond, has given to the Boston Numismatic Society.

It is now common knowledge that many members, living outside the Boston area and unable to attend our meetings because of distance, have enjoyed them by proxy through the monthly Bulletins.

Throughout the Country, it is the same story. Her A.N.A. reports are classic numismatic reading.

Her graciousness, her friendships, her ability to see the other side - her ability to see the whole, and her unflagging devotion to the cause of Numismatics - all single her out.

There are many Presidents and Past Presidents of Coin Clubs. They all do depend or have depended upon the Secretaries of their Clubs for the many hard, thankless chores.

Since Mrs. Pond's election to the ANA Board of Governors, and her official recognition made possible by many voters throughout the County - I prophesy, and fully expect to go down in history because of it, that the A.N.A. will take a big step forward now that June Pond is the first elected woman Governor on its Board. (They had a woman Trustee back in 1903). It really isn't much of a prophecy since I, personally, and the B.N.S. knows what June can do and has done.

I call for a rising vote of congratulations, and wish her the great happiness which she has given to us all.

Sincerely yours,

Giuseppe deLellis

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In general, we editorially steer fairly close to the numismatic channel of articles. But once in a while we allow ourselves to be diverted by a delightful story.

Without blue-penciling any poetic license we record as received the story of "Old Abe" by Lela F. Murray.....

THE SOLDIER BIRD

Chief Sky, a Chippewa Indian, who once lived near Lake Superior in New York, found an eagle's nest one July day in 1861

To make sure of his prize he cut the tree down and caught two eaglets as they slid from the nest to run for shelter in the grass. One died. He carried the other one home and built a nest for it in a tree near his wigwam. The eaglet was as large as a hen and covered with fine soft down. It grew very fast and became a saucy fellow.

One day, Chief Sky, watching his belligerent friend, decided the eagle should go to war. The Indian was a poor man, so he sold the noble bird to a white man; his price was a bushel of corn. The new owner took the bird to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a small village, where enlisted soldiers were preparing to go to war - The Civil War.

"Here's a recruit," called the man as he arrived at the camp.

"An eagle! An eagle!" shouted the men "Let him enlist!"

Sure enough, the eagle was "sworn in" and was decorated with red, white and blue ribbons around his neck.

Roosting on a perch, topped by the Stars and Stripes, the eagle was taken by his Company to Madison, Wisconsin, the capital of the state. As the men marched into Camp Randall with colors flying, drums beating, and the people cheering, the eagle seized the flag in his beak and spread his wings, his bright eyes kindling with the spirit of the scene. Shouts rent the air: "The Bird of Columbia!" "The Eagle of Freedom forever!"

A new perch was made for the bird and the boys named him "Old Abe". The Eighth Wisconsin Regiment of which Company C or the Eau Claire Badgers, as it was called, was a part, was thereafter known as "The Eagle Regiment."

While on the march Old Abe was carried at the head of his Company and everywhere was greeted with delight. At St. Louis a man offered \$500 for him, and another one his farm, but the soldiers had no notion of parting with their bird. He was above price, an emblem of battle and victory, and was out-ranked only by the regimental flag.

During the three years that followed, or until the end of the war, Old Abe seemed almost to take precedence over the

itself. With all honor to their flag the Regiment soon came to look upon old Abe as a more perfect representative of everything for which they fought, and in a sense, the royal bird became their leader.

"Rally 'round the Eagle, boys!" was the Regiment's battle cry.

Where ever Company C went it was certain to be cheered and welcomed with a peculiar enthusiasm. When the Company marched into Camp Randall where the Seventh and part of the Eighth Wisconsin Regiments were already assembled, the men and their eagle were received with outbursts of cheers. Men, running to the entrance of the Camp, defiled right and left while Company C, Old Abe in the lead, passed in as the musicians played "Yankee Doodle." The eagle spread his wings and flapped them during the march to the Colonel's quarters. During his entire time in the service Old Abe was similarly affected by cheering for his own regiment, but quite indifferent when cheers greeted other troops in his vicinity. The men considered their eagle to be a bird of good omen. At Madison, Old Abe was honored by thousands of visitors of high and low degree.

During the war he was in twenty battles and thirty skirmishes. He was at the siege of Vicksburg, at the storming of Corinth, and marched with General Sherman up the Red River. The whiz of bullets and the scream of shells were his delight. As battles grew hot and hotter the eagle flapped his wings and mingled his wildest screams with the thundering din around him.

Old Abe was fond of music, especially "Yankee Doodle" and "John Brown". When on parade he never failed to come to attention, and with eyes on his Commander he listened and obeyed orders, noting them accurately. At "Parade Rest" he doffed his soldierly airs, flapped his wings, and relaxed in imitation of his soldier friends who were "at ease."

The enemy called him hard names, "Yankee Buzzard", "Old Owl" and others, but Old Abe's eagle nature was above noticing such things. A General Rice, of the Confederate Army, gave orders to his men to be sure and capture the eagle of the Eighth Wisconsin Regiment, saying he "would rather have him than a dozen battle flags." Old Abe, however, came safely through all the battles, and lost but one feather from his right wing in the doing. When the war was over the brave Wisconsin Eighth with

their live eagle and toff and riddled flag were welcomed back to Madison. They had left a thousand strong but returned a small band, scarred and toil-worn, but victorious.

And what about the Soldier Bird? In the name of the gallant veterans, Captain Wolf presented Old Abe to the State, with Wisconsin's Governor Lewis accepting the illustrious gift. Ample quarters were provided for him in the beautiful Statehouse grounds. Tributes were not at an end for the famed eagle for at the World's Fair in Chicago an enterprising official invited Abe to attend. Color d photographs of the old hero were made and sold for a total of \$16,700.00 which was used for the benefit of poor and sick soldiers. Has not the American Eagle done his part? May not the venerable veteran rest upon his honors? No! These honors did not stop, even after Chicago, for through the years from 1861 to 1952 the little eaglet, taken from its nest by Chief Sky, became the great American emblem. He now takes his place, not on a staff, but on American currency, which in turn carries him to every corner of this earth, even behind the Iron Curtain, where our eagle is honored far above the Russian rouble.

by Lela F. Murray

CLUB NEWS

Worcester County Numismatic Society --
by Elvin Eagles, Sec'y.

November - 1952

John Kitteridge gave his views on the NENA Convention.

The names of Mrs. Grace Lincoln and Mr. Andrew Scott were read for membership. The names to be voted on at the December meeting.

Mr. Samuel Gow, chairman of the Nominating Committee read the following proposed slate of officers for 1953. Clifford F. Howe, Pres., Eloise Cloues, Vice-Pres., Elvin Eagles, Treas., John Kitteridge, Sec.

Mr. Howe asked the members of the club to help with a display of 1828 coins. The club conducted a donation auction with fifty three items to be bid on. Mr. Cram acted as auctioneer. Mr. Tuttle spoke on the number of clubs that our members have

visited. Mr. Arthur Moore read an obituary of Mr. Sanders of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Lawrence Cadwell of Fitchburg was honored by the club in celebration of his 75th birthday.

The club display case was filled by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Conn. Displayed was their \$3000. collection of original and commemorative U.S. coins. The collection includes the first quarter and dime issued by the United States, both dated 1788, an original \$5 & \$10 gold, dated 1795, and an 1858 original "flying eagle cent". Also included were complete sets of U.S. commemorative half dollars and gold pieces. As part of this feature, reporters from the Worcester papers were present to take pictures for the paper. The above is part of the newspaper article, dated Nov. 15, 1952. The prizes of the evening were - The Mystery Coin won by Kenneth Bressett a 1921 Morgan Dollar, Unc. The Attendance prize won by Harry Howard, a coin list book. The raffle prize won by Charles Dupont was a four drawer metal file.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Bellis, Miss Thornton, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Rainville and Mrs. Conn.

December - 1952

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas Party and dinner which was held in the Nile Room of the Hotel Aurora in Worcester, Mass., on Friday evening December 12, 1952. There was a total of 44 members and guests in attendance.

After an informal get-together the members and guests found places at the Banquet table thru means of special place cards made for the Banquet by Mrs. Wood. Earl Bellis presided as president and spoke in appreciation of the large attendance. During the dinner Christmas music was furnished by Mrs. Sundstrom at the piano with Mr. Bellis leading the singing. After a number of solo selections by Mr. Bellis the many attendance prizes were drawn.

At the close of the dinner, Mr. Bellis opened a short business meeting and thanked the various committees and their members for their excellent co-operation during his term of office. The names of two new applicants were read and voted into membership. The names of five new applications were read to be voted on at the January Meeting.

In appreciation of free use of its room which had been granted by the Worcester Historical Society for club meetings Mr. Bellis presented to Mrs. Harriet Cassidy, representative of the Society, a check for \$50.00. Also in recognition of her services, Mrs. Cassidy was presented a personal gift.

As a final act of his term of office, the president called for a membership vote on the previously nominated officers for the new club year. With their election declared, he introduced the following Clifford F. Howe, President, Eloise Cloues Vice-President, Elvin Eagles, Treasurer and John J. Kittredge, Secretary, as new officers of the club. Mr. Bellis then presented to the new president the authority of his office, the Club Gavel.

As his first address, Mr. Howe spoke briefly on the excellent leadership of the past year and expressed his hope for the continued support of the membership for a successful program during the coming year. He then presented Mrs. Bellis to those gathered and thanked her for her services as club hostess for the past year. He then thanked Mrs. Joseph Kittredge who offered her services for the coming year.

Mrs. Shepard Fond was then called to the head table whereupon she presented to Mr. Bellis a "Key to Numismatics".

Guests at the Banquet in addition to Mrs. Fond were Mrs. Harriet Cassidy representing the Worcester Historical Society, Mrs. Adna Cserwonka, President of the Coin Club of Rhode Island, and Andrew Scott, president of the Boston Collectors Club.

After the arrival of Santa Claus and the exchanging of gifts, dancing was led by Miss Jessie Thornton and Mrs. Mildred Sundstrom.

Worcester County Numismatic Society --
by John Kittredge

The first meeting of 1953 was held January 9th with our new president Clifford F. Howe presiding. There were 11 members and four guests present.

Clifford Howe welcomed the members and said that he hoped that by the end of the year our membership would reach one hundred people. We now have seventy-four members. This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous

meeting and the annual financial report. We received "thank you notes" from Mrs. Cassidy and the Worcester Historical Society. Five new members were voted into membership. They were Mabel A. Tuttle, Kenneth E. Bressett, Raymond F. Davis, Paul C. Richards, and David L. Rod.

Committees appointed for the year were: Eloise A. Cloues, publicity; Mrs. Flora Bryant, auditing; Lawrence J. Cadwell, membership; Maurice Gould, Arthur Conn, and Kenneth Hood, auctions; Mrs. Grace D. Lincoln and Mrs. Mabel A. Tuttle, reception; Samuel Gow, nominations; Elvin W. Eagles and Donald Swenson, raffles; and Earl Bellis, Charles J. Dupont and Arthur R. Moore, National Coin Week.

The program for the evening was a discussion of National Coin Week which is the 17th to the 23rd of April. All the members joined in the planning, and it was decided to have open house, along with radio programs and special exhibits in banks and store windows.

At the conclusion of the meeting, coffee and sandwiches were served by Mrs. Earl Bellis and Mrs. Joseph J. Kittredge.

Coin Club of Rhode Island --
by Fred M. Bushnell

The Coin Club of Rhode Island held its mid-season dinner meeting at Tony Georges' Restaurant, January 28, 1953 with a large gathering of members and friends present.

The club extended life memberships to Mr. Horace M. Grant and Mrs. Vilna Belle Grant. The presentation of membership plaques was made by Mrs. June T. Pond, member of the Board of Governors of the A.N.A. and a close friend of Mr. & Mrs. Grant.

Mr. Grant, better known to his friends as "H.M.", was one of the original members and first president of the R.I. Coin Club. Mrs. Grant was also one of the original members. Also present was Mr. Charles Mathewson, an original member well known for his collection of Large Cents.

Besides the honored guests and Mrs. Pond, the following were at the head table: Mr. Earl Tuttle of Worcester, Mr. Maurice Gould of Boston, Andrew S. Scott of Boston, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Conn, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Porcario, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Washburn and Mrs. Edna Czerwinka of Taunton. Mr. Fred M. Bushness, Jr. acted as toast-master. A lively auction followed the meeting ably conducted by Mr. Maurice Gould of Boston.

Mr. Grant observed his 80th birthday on January 24. His many friends throughout the country wish to extend their best wishes.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1953

National Coin Week is about two months away - April 17th to the 23rd. The theme as announced by A.N.A. is "Coins of Historical Significance", to give plenty of latitude for competing clubs and individuals.

We quote from the February issue of "THE NUMISMATIST":

"Emphasis is being placed on numismatics of historical significance, which naturally means in addition to coins, such of your possessions as medals, currency and any other related items, foreign as well as United States. It is our desire to reach all collectors with a theme which will permit active participation."

Preparation for this event should be started now.

Our secretary Miss Eloise Cloues, 88 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, is making out a complete card record of the membership. If you have not paid your 1953 dues of one dollar, please do so at once, so that your name will be recorded.

Also, please inform her of any change of address, because from the membership record cards all membership lists will be made, such as NENA-NEWS mailing list, and so forth.

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OCTOBER CONVENTION

Our president, Mr. Earl Tuttle, has appointed Mr. Earl Bellis as general chairman of our October convention. We are happy to reproduce here his general letter to all the members of The Worcester County Numismatic Society who will be the host club. The cooperation asked for here applies equally to all members of NENA. "The Worcester County Numismatic Association voted last fall to invite the annual New England Numismatic Association Convention to Worcester this year. The date is set, October third and fourth. The place, the Sheraton Hotel.

As host club we should endeavour by all means in our power to assure the success of this convention. In checking records we find quite a few of our members who are not members of NENA. One of our first aims being one hundred per cent cooperation we also believe one of the prime requisites to be one hundred per cent membership in NENA. If you are not a member we are asking you to join. Please do not consider this a begging letter. Rather it is sent with the best of intentions to get everyone to put their shoulder to the wheel. We need your help. We believe honestly that you will benefit.

Miss Cloues is Treasurer and the dues are one dollar only.

Earl Bellis
Chairman Convention Committee"

For our convention in October in Worcester, our convention chairman, Mr. Earl Bellis, has selected his committees:

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN - Earl Bellis
ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN - James F. Claop, Jr.
ADVERTISING - Arthur Moore, Alden Boyd
AUCTION - Max H. Kuhner, Harold Swazey
BOURSE - Arthur Conn, A. V. Sundstrom
LECTURES - Lawrence J. Cadwell

ENTERTAINMENT - John Kittredge,
Grace Lincoln
BOOKLET - Nelson Paul, Agnes Paul
BANQUET - Clifford Howe, William Bradley
Ralph Brown

EXHIBITS - Elvin Eagles, Walter Grimala
HOTEL RESERVATIONS - Samuel Gow,
Miles Mooney

PUBLICITY - Charles DuPont, June Fond,
Robert Hale

PROTECTION - Howard Waite

LADIES ACTIVITIES - Flora Bryant,
Mable Tuttle

RECEPTION - William Mitchell, Andrew Scott

TICKETS - Kenneth Hood, Hugo Wieberg,
Harland Larkin

AWARDS AND BADGES - Francis Conner,
Frank Zajac
Paul Carroll

CLUB NEWS

Boston Numismatic Society-L.W. Pollard, Secy
February Meeting: Guests at the meeting were
Mrs. Budde, Mrs. Pollard, and Mr. French.
Chester Durning has been elected trustee.

By vote of the majority of members present, the meetings of our Society will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, commencing with the April meeting.

Mr. DeLellis discussed his activities as chairman of National Coin Week Committee. He has plans for displays at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Public Library Second National Bank, Jordan Marsh Co., and various suburban localities. National Coin Week is April 19th to April 25th. He desires each member to arrange for an exhibit in his or her own locality. While moral support is fine, in this instance each member must give lots of physical support and action if the B.N.S. is to do a proper job of acquainting the general public with our hobby. DON'T BE A DRONE - BE AN EXHIBITOR.

President Pond read an article from the August 1939 issue of the Numismatist giving the history of our Presidents Medal which has been in use since 1924, having been donated by Mr. Carleton S. Gifford.

The talk for the evening was Confederate Currency, illustrated with the A.N.A. slides. These slides are extremely well made and furnish excellent illustrations of the subject matter. Our thanks to the A.N.A. for their use.

We propose to have a number of excellent speakers on interesting subjects in the near future - how can we tempt some of you stay-at-homes to come? Advice on this matter will be appreciated almost as much as your attendance.

To date there have been absolutely no lists received of books which members are willing to lend. WHY? -- The Secretary shall be expecting to receive your lists at the March Meeting.

Exhibits: Grace Lincoln- St.Gaudens \$20 gold with wire edge, Austria 4 ducat gold, 7 proof busts of Lincoln Centennial Medal of Lincoln, (The Lincoln with the whiskers), 1809 - 1865 Lincoln Medal, Malcolm Chell-Frost - Check by George Washington dated 1796, Four Dollar Proof Stella 1879.

Mr. Bittes - Sestertius of Titus, one of Augustus by Nerva, double sestertius of Trajan Decius.

Mr. Tuttle - English crowns of Edward VI (1552), Cromwell (1658), Charles II (1679) George I (1720), George II (1734), George IV (1821), Victoria (1847), Eisenhower Medal. Mr. Came - 2 silver ingots from Mexico, very scarce wood Hacienda token, Pattern set of 8 two centavo pieces in proof, rare

pattern two centavo of Tuxtla, all of Mexico.

Mr. Lowenstam - 1930 set of Iceland commemorating the 1000 anniversary of the Althing, The Icelandic Parliament. Thanks to Mr. V. Bruce for a book on Parliamentary Procedure. Committee for National Coin Week: June Pond, Dorothy Manning, James F. Clapp, Jr., Andrew Scott, Guiseppe DeLellis (Chairman) William Tronson, Melvin Came, Anthony Forcaro.

March Meeting - There were 34 members and quests present at our 833rd meeting which was also our 93rd Anniversary.

President Pond opened the meeting with these remarks: "This is the 93rd anniversary of our Society. Deliberately I haven't prepared a speech - for when a hobby society grows to enjoy such an anniversary, it is because of its continuing fine membership. We couldn't think of a more fitting way to celebrate this date than by making it Horace Grant Night. He has brought to Numismatics, understanding, objectivity and warm ties of friendship. And because such attributes are part and parcel of our hobby, it continues to be an instructive and entertaining one.

"A little later, Mr. Clapp will handle the actual presentation of our fine testimonial to Mr. Grant.

"Before introducing our guests, we have another reason for making this an evening of pleasant reminiscing. Mr. George Tilden, our old in-years-of-membership member, but young in spirit, is here from Northboro. We'd like a particularly warm welcome for him. He has been a generous donor to our Society's Cabinet, and has the distinction of holding #14, which is the lowest number in the American Numismatic Association's roster."

Mr. Tilden's entertaining response covered anecdotes about the BNS and the ANA, (he was Secretary of the latter in 1910), Messrs. Wood, Wilson, Granberg, Dr. Henderson, etc., etc., how the Numismatist was published in Worcester at one time, and of Farran Zerbe, being its editor and publisher and his buying it from Dr. Heath's heirs. Mr. W.C.C. Wilson later purchased and presented it to the ANA in 1911.

Mr. Clapp: "I think we will all agree on the very dist inguished way we are going to make Mr. Horace Grant an honorary member of our Boston Numismatic Society. Our Society has endeavored to be very careful in

awarding honorary memberships. I have in front of me the names of the distinguished company he is joining: Harold Mattingly, author of and former Curator of Classical Coinage at the British Museum, Arthur S. Dewing of M.I.T., and former President of the American Numismatic Society. Joseph Moss, and M. Vernon Sheldon, present and past Presidents of the A.N.A. Foster Stearns, former Congressman from New Hampshire, and George H. Blake, for decades Treasurer, and now Treasurer Emeritus of the A.N.A.

"There is one remarkable thing about Horace Grant. He is the first dealer given an honorary membership by this Society, which is quite a distinction among coin dealers. He has been a dealer for as long as any of us will remember and conducted his business without making enemies, and that is a remarkable accomplishment. I doubly appreciate this privilege of presenting this honorary membership to you, Mr. Grant, in the name of the Boston Numismatic Society.

Mr. Grant, in his typical modest fashion, accepted by saying he didn't feel entitled to have his name associated with such outstanding numismatists, that it was an honor he did not expect, but appreciated it greatly even though he might not find the words to express it. He told of organizing the Providence Club who also presented him with an honorary membership, of Charlie Mathewson being one of the oldest members of the original Rhode Island Club, and of Dr. Sheldon wanting to buy his collection regardless of price, but unsuccessfully...the pleasure in seeing Mr. Tilden again and of Mr. Tilden's fine antiques...he reminisced about past collectors like Messrs. Bower and Chapman, and of Henry Chapman's temporary loss of about \$10,000 in gold coins while at a Hartford Convention...touched on the many, many ANA Conventions he has attended across the country, presented Mrs. Pond with sheets of uncut Rhode Island Colonial Currency in denominations of \$5, \$7, \$8, \$20, \$1, \$2, \$3, and \$4, dated 1780 and signed by Rhode Islanders as "one of the most deserving ladies, who has acquired, too, national recognition in the ANA and other Societies," and closed his remarks by expressing his appreciation to her whom he "has known since she entered the ANA and BNS, which, numismatically speaking, is only a few years ago".

He presented a similar set to the BNS "that they be kept in the archives so your children and my grandchildren will enjoy

looking at them". Vice-president Lowenstam accepted these with appreciation. Similar sets were given to Messrs. Clapp and Mathewson. Both expressed their appreciation and Mr. Clapp especially, as he, Messrs. Follard and Forcario have been working on a talk on Continental Currency.

Mr. Clapp read the paper by John Robinson of Salem, Mass., presented originally at the April, 1927 meeting, which dealt with personal descriptions of members and their collections.

Any question of the old days being the "good ones" was definitely settled for present day devotees of Large Cents, after listening to the facile manner of Guest Charles Mathewson's accumulation. A collector for 70 years, he began his fabulous Large Cent Collection at the tender age of 14, when he was a mail carrier in Rhode Island at the munificent salary of \$24 a year. He told of his trading with the farmers on his mail route, later buying collection after collection to acquire one or two good pieces, his stories about Messrs. Marmalee, Arnold, MacGregor, Presbury, Sears, Sisson, etc., his acquiring the beautiful 1802 as the result of a "tired" guest swinging on his front gate.. amazing stories of his 1789's, 1791's, 1800's and the 1799, and the first 1856 (?) without a date. The climax to this engaging talk was this superb collection being shown on the Balopticon.

We are happy to report that Mr. and Mrs. Whiteneck are the proud parents of Mr. David Lee Whiteneck, born March 4, 1953. Congratulations to all three of you

Mr. Schuhmacher, while out and around still feels he is not well enough to attend meetings.

Application for membership has been received from Mr. Irving Green, of Newton.

Resignations have been received from Mr. Frank Katen and Mrs. Henry Schumacher. Exhibits: Mr. Perkins, (Guest), U.S. coin: of 1793 to 1805 in choice condition. Mr. V. Bruce Davis, collection of old "large" bills from 1862 on. Mr. Earl Tuttle, 4 Crowns of Sweden 1575 to 1731, 9 crowns of Austria 1479 to 1844, 2 Florin: of Austria 1869, Australia Crown 1937, Albania 5 Francs 1926. Mrs. Pond, Medal of James II and Mary 1687, commemorating treasure recovered by Sir William Phips. Mrs. Chell-Frost, Early U.S. gold and territorial issues in choice condition.

Worcester County Numismatic Society -
John Kittredge, Secretary
March Meeting:

The March meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held on March 13, 1953 at the Worcester Historical Society. Clifford F. Howe called the meeting to order shortly after 8:00 PM with forty-four members and guests present. The minutes of the February meeting were read, and also the monthly financial report. Mrs. Virginia Allen and Frank Hammond were voted into membership, and the applications of five new members were read. Clifford F. Howe and Earl V. Tuttle spoke to the members about the ANA, and the NENA's Convention to be held in Worcester on October 3rd and 4th. A discussion of National Coin Week followed with plans made for radio talks and the Open House.

The program for the evening was a speech by our former president Earl Bellis who spoke on: How to Get the Most Out of Your Hobby. He said that the best way to do this is to join with others, take an active part in the organization, and share your hobby, interest, and knowledge with others. This was followed by the showing of the pictures of the Christmas Party.

The attendance prize and the lunch prize were won by William Bradley. Max H. Kuhnner displayed some large ancient copper coins, and the display case for the month was filled by John J. Kittredge.

At the conclusion of the meeting sandwiches and coffee were served to the members and guests.

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If the Republicans object to the Roosevelt dime they'll have to wait until 1971 to do something about it.

We note that some coin auction catalogues and numismatic publications are being printed in Germany and Italy and being

mailed to U.S. collectors. No doubt printing and paper costs are less. Some cuts such as Hesperia Art of New York's mail bid sale catalog from Italy were favorably received here.

Have you seen Queen Elizabeth II on horseback? She's depicted on the coronation crown piece (70 cents to us). The portrayal of the queen as a colonel-in-chief of the Grenadier Guards will mark the first time since the reign of Charles I in the early 17th century that a British monarch on a horse has appeared on a coin.

We have received a card from Mr. S. M. Sadoff of Worcester, Mass., which we reproduce here in toto. We would be glad to hear from any member whether or not we should conduct any auction or sale scheme other than our present dealer advertising page.

"Dear Sir: Have known Mr. Gould nearly 10 years. Am in receipt of Jan. copy NENA find it has considerable space given to membership activities, news of meetings, etc, and only 5 ads of dealers on last page. Why not include various classified ads at reduced rates instead of large display ads taking up much space. Many N.E.N.A. members do have duplicates they would like to sell or trade for other material or desire to list wants on which they can offer fair prices or trade other numismatic, philatelic material, etc. Members get together in meetings, discuss various subjects pertaining to numismatics and exhibit some part of their collections for sale or not. Worcester is quite a large city of over 200,000 but only 2 or 3 part time dealers noted in phone book. There are many cities in New England that do not have even one dealer listed in phone books or dealers to supply desired items. A mail sale by NENA every 2 months at 10% commission each lot fine. As you have mimeograph, multigraph or other duplicating machine for printing NENA NEWS would suggest using some pages in each monthly issue to list up to 400 lots on consignment from various members NENA at 10% comm. ea. lot. Such mail sales would help pay expenses. Good bids on many lots.

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WE ARE READY TO GO!

GO WHERE? FOR WHAT?

Go to town (Worcester). To make our convention a success.

The committees met in Worcester, and under the direction of Messrs. Tuttle, Bellis and Clapp, details were discussed; ideas hatched, hashed over, and either adopted or discarded. When more concrete information is made available we'll report to you.

So far, the auction will be handled by Stack's of New York who so capably conducted the auctions at the last two conventions of NENA in an afternoon, and evening double session on Saturday, October 3, 1953.

The banquet will most likely be held on Sunday, October 4, earlier than last year, probably at 2 P.M.

Entertainment has not been selected as yet. Nor have the speakers. However, the Sheraton Hotel (largest in Worcester) have set aside for us the main ballroom which will give us adequate space for exhibits, bourse, auction, buffet supper and banquet without interfering with one or another. Further details and price will be forth coming.

Re - the exhibits, we would very much like to have every member who owns one or more display cases to loan them to your club for the convention. It is necessary that we have quite a few cases on hand to accomodate our members' exhibits. Please drop a card to Mr. Elvin Eagles, 15 Woodrow

Road, Millbury, Mass. and let him know how many display cases you are bringing to the convention. Adequate protection will be provided exhibits by the club with an insurance policy and a police guard.

The Hotel is being asked to reserve 50 rooms for our members who wish to stay in Worcester that weekend. When we know we'll tell you the rates and whom to contact for reservations.

Our true friend and past president, Max Kuhner, is arranging for an outside trip to Worcester's famous armorial. The John Woodman Higgins Armory, the best collection in the world of medieval armor open to the public. As a rule it is not open on weekends, but Mr. Kuhner is endeavoring to have it open for us.

As soon as the committees have solidified their plans and the chairman has time scheduled the events, such list will appear in the NENA-NEWS and also in broadsides.

CLUB NEWS

Boston Numismatic Society-April Meeting
L. W. Follard, Secretary

There were 25 members and guests at our April meeting. Mr. Irwin Green of Newton has been elected member. Mr. Earl Bellis of Worcester has applied for membership.

Mr. DeLellis spoke on National Coin Week. He listed the many locations where exhibits would be displayed. Mr. Campbell

spoke on insurance coverage for the exhibits.

DUES- The response to recent requests for dues has been worse than disappointing. Please send your dues to Mr. Chell-Frost, 120 Tremont St., Boston, at once.

Reports from Henry Schuhmacher indicate that he is really having hard luck, having been in a recent automobile accident.

President Pond introduced our honorary member, and speaker of the evening, Mr. Arthur S. Dewing.

Mr. Dewing opened his talk by telling of his pleasant associations with our Society since 1927, and also with the American Numismatic Society. In a very instructive fashion, he outlined his great interest in Greek coins and their early history, as a subject upon which there has always been a great deal of discussion. It was customary to refer to weight standards, such as cows, being a thing of value or so many coins. Various other things were used in Babylon, etc, etc. A habit of the priests in Babylon was to take wealth in the form of gold and silver and store in their temples. Sometimes a receipt would be given and a record made. Probably somewhere in the last period of the first millenium, the priests began to weigh gold and silver.

The first coins in the whole area on the west coast of Asia Minor were electrum from Miletus. Herodotus says that the Lydians were the first people to strike gold coins. Silver coins were first struck in Aegina.

There are two very famous coins in Green numismatics, and perhaps the most famous is the demareteion. In 481 BC the Carthaginians, who controlled the eastern part of Sicily, got into a war with Greece. This battle of the Carthaginians was fought in 479 BC and the Greeks were entirely successful. The Carthaginians expected a ruthless peace, instead the wife of the leader of the King of Syracuse Demarete, inspired a lenient one. Thereupon, the Carthaginians presented her with a crown of gold, she changed it for silver and out of that silver was struck a commemorative coin, the demareteion. The best specimen in the world is in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and the second best in the British Museum. Mr. Dewing had one of the seven or eight specimens that are known to exist at the present time.

The second coin was struck during the Peloponnesian war in connection with the

defeat of the Athenians. The Sicilians were victorious. In return, a commemorative coin, known as the silver decadrachm, was struck. Coins of this type were by the famous die-cutters Kimon and Evainetos. Kimon also minted the facing head and the best specimen of this is in the British Museum.

There was great competition in the closing years of the 5th Century BC between the city of Syracuse and Akragas which later became Agrigentum, and as soon as Kimon and Evainetos had minted these very impressive coins, the city of Akragas decided to do the same thing. They minted what subsequently became one of the rarest coins known, and decadrachm, with an eagle and hare on the obverse, and a quadriga on the reverse. Of this coin, there are but four genuine specimens in existence, the genuineness of two other existing specimens is doubtful. The best one is in Munich, and there is one in the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, and one in the collection of and Italian Baron. The latter's grandfather had begun collecting in the 1850's, and later his father acquired another specimen. In 1948 he disposed of one of these and Mr. Dewing has what he called "the less good of the two pieces".

Things had gone badly with the Athenians as the war turned against them and they lost their silver mines. Someone had the idea of making money but they had no gold, so they melted down the gold ornament of the statue of Nike. Mr. Dewing had one of these stater coins. Only two are supposed to have come down to us - one was in the Jameson Collection, and the second specimen was found in the early part of World War II.

In addition to the coins mentioned above, the following were displayed: Electrum Stater of Miletus (perhaps the first struck coin), Gold Stater of King Croesus of Lydia, Electrum Stater of Lydia by Croesus' Father (First coin with lettering), Early Silver Stater of Aegina, Tetradrachm by Kimon at Syracuse (Electrotype), Dekadrachm by Kimon at Syracuse (Best known specimen), Demareteion (Dekadrachm) Syracuse 478 BC, Dekadrachm from Agrigentum (Akragas) Gold Stater from Athens 407 BC (2 known). Exhibits: Mr. Scott - A display frame from Sloan Estate containing: Complete set large cents 1793 to 1857. Complete set copper nickel cents from 1856, many early U.S.

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At a meeting of the officers and directors on February 26th it was proposed that Article 7 - Section 2 be amended. This section now reads:

"These Articles may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting, provided notice of intention is made known by the publication of the proposed amendment in NENA NEWS issued at least one month prior to the date of the Annual Meeting."

It is proposed to add the following sentence: "Such amendment to qualify may be submitted by the board of governors or by a petition to the board of governors signed by at least ten members of NENA in good standing."

We noted the following article in the New York Mirror by Fred Zepp

U.S. FINDS CURE FOR BETTORS' BUCK FEVER
New \$1 Bills Spoil Sure Thing for Con Men's
"Number" Racket - by Fred Zepp

They're moanin' low, the sure-thing gents, these days. Time was, not too long ago, either, when a gee with a little savvy could guzzle all he could hold at his favorite bar, at some wide-eyed sucker's expense. Or, if he was the ambitious type, he could grab a fistful of folding stuff without stooping to lowly toil--and always knowing he had Lady Luck with an arm around his shoulder. He couldn't lose.

BUT NOW IT'S ALL OVFP. Washed up. Through. And who quered the dea? Uncle Sam.

And just why did the old man with the whiskers do this dastardly deed?

Of all things, for economy!

Here's the way the deal used to work:

A guy who knew the ropes of the Chinese gambling game, as it was called, would make a friendly bet with you that he could tell you whether the last digit in the serial number of a \$1 bill was odd or even..even though you held your hand over the numbers. So you's think you had a 50-50 chance and bet him, just for the drinks or maybe for the buck.

Bingo--he'd call it! And, as often as he wanted to, while he inched the stakes up notch by notch, he'd hit it right on the nose.

A guy could make a fair living that way. And the gimmick was simplicity itself.

It seems the tiny check number, A through Z, in the upper lefthand corner was the giveaway. If it was A, the last digit in the serial number was sure to be odd; if B, even, and so on alternately through the alphabet.

This was because of the way the Treasury printed the bills: two on a plate, side by side. The two in the A row bore serials ending in odd numbers; in the B row below, even numbers, and so on.

It didn't take the wiseacres long to spot this--and profit accordingly.

But then the blow fell. Treasury officials recently decided it would be cheaper to print the bills three to a plate, each row bearing consecutive instead of alternate numbers.

Thus, in the A row you'd get, say, two odds and an even; in the B row, two evens and an odd, and so forth.

To a guy who likes to ride with the odds--and who doesn't?--this still leaves the way open to clip suckers in the long run. But the days of the ironclad, can't lose, sure-fire, money-from-home bet is over because your opponent may have one of the newer series.

It's a happy day for the sheep.

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CLUB NEWS (Continued)

coins, half cent to silver dollar, colonial and Washington coppers, also gold and foreign coins. Mr. Chell-Frost - Proof 10, 5, 3, 2 1/2, 1 dollar gold coins. Mr. Clapp - 34 Greek bronze coins, including a Quincunx (5 ounce piece) from Teate (Chieti) the ancestral home of Joe de Lellis. Mrs. Fond - 1952 mint set, 1950 proof set from Honorary member, G.H. Blake. Mr. Tilden - Franklin School Medal 1855, Bound copy of Parmalee Sale of 1890, Mr. Tilden has kindly donated these to the Society's cabinet. Mr. Follard - Illustrated book in color on Confederate Notes, Bonds, Coins and Stamps.

..... May Meeting - Boston Numismatic Society

Our guests at the May meeting were Mr. Niles Crawford, Mr. Bert Barslow, Mr. Brett of Washington D.C., and Miss Gregory of Boston. Mr. Earl Bellis has been elected a member.

Mr. DeLellis was given a rising vote of thanks for his efforts in making

National Coin Week a success. There were a total of 30 displays, besides numerous newspaper articles as a result of his work.

A committee consisting of Chandler Foster, Jim Clapp and Bill Campbell has been formed to consider a change of meeting place.

Mel Came will do the honors at a lobster party in July. It will be held at his home in Dover, N.H. Further details will appear in the June bulletin, so get ready for it.

Miss Levesque gave a showing and illustrated lecture of her collection of Antique Fans on May 19 at the Telephone Building on Franklin Street. President Fond attended the Central States Numismatic Convention and described its highlights.

In regard to National Coin Week - Mr. DeLellis read a list of exhibits and exhibitors, Miss Mannerling showed pictures of her displays, Mr. Tuttle showed newspaper cuttings about National Coin Week and Mr. George Fuld described the Eliasberg Collection at Baltimore.

The topic for the evening's talk was (Pre-Revolutionary Coinage and Money of Massachusetts" with Jim Clapp reading excerpts from the diary of Madam Knight.

In the beginning, many things were used for currency: Cattle, grain, fur, rum, nails, musket balls, wampum, beef, and rarely coins. Prices of items on sale depended on the type of pay; an item worth sixpence would cost twelve pence in grain, fish, fur, etc.; six pence in coin or wampum; and eight pence if paid for in provisions valued one third lower than the prices fixed by the General Court. (Price control even in those days!!!)

The first forms of native hard money was wampum whose value was dependent on its color, shape and quality. White wampum was worth one penny for six beads while black wampum were three for a penny. Musket balls of full size were worth a farthing each in quantities up to the value of twelve pence (one shilling) according to a decree of the General Court in 1635. Nails passed as an unofficial medium of exchange among the settlers, even now being rated as six penny or forty penny nails.

In 1634 a man earned 36 cents a day for which he would receive 18 English pennies, or one third of a bushel of corn, or 70 musket balls, or 100 beads of white wampum, or 50 beads of black wampum, or 3 bits of Spanish silver.

Other than the coins brought with them, the only sources of money were the Spanish

American mints with their cobs, pieces of eight, and other denominations. The one real piece was known as the bitt and had a value of twelve and a half cents (our quarter is still known as two-bits).

It was from this silver that John Hill and Richard Sanderson struck their New England, Willow Tree, Oak Tree and Pine Tree coins. These were minted by authority of the General Court from 1652 until 1682, violating the royal English prerogative of coinage. These coins were known for their quality and honest weight. In 1690 Massachusetts began to issue paper money to ease the currency shortage.

In 1722 the first of the English coins issued for the colonies began to appear. These were the Rosa American series - set of beautiful copper coins in values of two pence, one pence, and half pence. In addition, an issue of half pence struck in 1723 by William Wood for use in Ireland was diverted to the colonies. In 1749 England paid off the expenses of the Louisiana expedition with a large shipment of coins which included nearly all of the 1947 English farthings. This hard money allowed the redemption of all the outstanding paper money and put the colony on a "hard money" basis.

Paper money was also issued in 1740, 1744, and in 1775 began the well known continental currency series. This last was so valueless as to give us our saying "not worth a continental".

In the revolutionary period, all the hard money was Spanish Milled dollars and fractions thereof. To provide for small change, Massachusetts in 1787 and 1788 issued copper coins of one cent and half cent denominations. These were the first state coins to bear a denomination and helped pave the way for the present United States coinage.

Exhibits: Mr. Chell-Frost: 1921 proof dollar, unc. quarter, and dime, 1820 unc. quarter, 1804 quarter eagle, 1835 quarter eagle, 1872 Cal. gold dollar, 1915 Pan Pacific dollar, quarter eagle and half dollar. Mr. Tuttle: Switzerland 5 Francs 1869 & 1948, Italy 20 Lira 1929, 1936, England Crown 1887, double florin 1887, Rhine Thaler 1809, Venice Scudo 1623. Mr. Lowenstam: Wood medal of 1669 Peace Jubilee, Formosa Tael 1888, Brazil 4000 Reis 1900, Geneva 10 Francs 1851, Set Iceland commemoratives 1930, Set Canada coins of 1822. Mr. Follard: East India Company coins for India, sets of 1835 & 1840.

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -
John J. Kittrege, Secretary

April Meeting: The April meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held on April 10, 1953 at the Worcester Historical Society. Clifford F. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. with forty members and guests present. The minutes were read, and also the monthly financial report. Five new members were voted into membership and one new application was read. Eloise Cloues gave a report of the meeting of the Boston Numismatic Society, which was Horace M. Grant Night.

This was followed by a report from the National Coin Week Committee. There will be several radio programs, as well as many window displays. Our final plans were laid for "Open House", and sixteen people volunteered to bring coins to be displayed that evening. There will also be a coin clinic. There was a report from the Library Committee, giving the list of all the books in our library.

Earl V. Tuttle brought to the club an uncut sheet of Rhode Island Currency which was given to us by Horace M. Grant. Mr. Grant requests that this sheet never be cut. Displays for the month were by Paul M. Richards, Andrew S. Scott, Eloise Cloues and Elvin Eagles.

At the conclusion of the meeting coffee and cake were served.

May Meeting

The May meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held at the Worcester Historical Society on May 8th with Clifford F. Howe, president, presiding. The meeting opened with the reading of the April minutes and the monthly financial report at 8:00 P.M. This was followed by a discussion of our National Coin Week events. John MacAdams was voted into membership and eleven new applications for membership were read. There were fifty-nine members and guests present.

The club members instructed the secretary to cast one ballot for Mrs. June T. Pond at the American Numismatic Association's next election for the office for which she runs.

The program for the evening was an auction conducted by Mr. C.J. DuPont. The auction included such items as a 1905-0 Half Dollar, Hard Times Tokens and Civil War Tokens, 1946-S roll of nickels, a

Mexican Silver Dollar, a large collection of Large Cents, a 1921 ten dollar gold piece, several Canadian coins, and some Indian Head Cents in uncirculated and proof condition. Coffee and sandwiches were served following the auction.

In connection with National Coin Week just past we have not as yet received any pertinent information re - local club activities except some Boston and Worcester news and a large three column spread of the New London (Conn.) Day of April 17, 1953 featuring Mr. Raymond J. Walker's display and collection.

He also writes that he is endeavoring to organize a local coin club there. Any assistance that our members who reside near there will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Walker. Probably there are collectors who would be glad to join a local club and help numismatics in that area.

We reproduce here some of the article written of Raymond Walker's display. "HISTORIC COINS, MEDALS, OLD BANK NOTES TO LIVE AGAIN THE THE DAY WINDOW DISPLAY In connection with National Coin week, tomorrow to April 24, sponsored by the American Numismatic Association, local members of that association, the New England Numismatic Association and Uncas Numismatic Association are preparing an exhibit to be on display next week in the Day window. The theme is the historical significance of coins, medals and paper money. Specimens of all groups will be included in the exhibit, but old broken bank bills especially those of Connecticut will be featured. Raymond J. Walker of 19 Linden Street, a member of all three organizations will be in charge of the display.

The medals selected for display will consist of some awarded to naval heroes by congress. There will be more than 100 medals in the display, including some Napoleonic items.

During the period 1782 to 1866 most U.S. banks issued their own paper money. With the discovery of gold in California in 1848 people began to demand hard money and there were panics in 1857 and 1859. Then came the Civil War boom, and the establishment of a national banking system. The individual banks then retired their notes. Sound bank notes are generally found unsigned. The best known artists were engaged to engrave these notes and they are true relics of American art.

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Convention News

The 1953 Convention program is shaping up. Our chairman, Earl Bellis has drawn up the following tentative schedule:

Saturday, October 3

10:00 A.M. Registration and opening of
Bourse and Exhibits.
11:00 to 1:00 P.M. Inspection of auction
material and Bourse
2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Auction by Stack.
First Session.
6:00 P.M. Buffet Supper
7:00 P.M. Lecture
8:00 to 10:00 P.M. Auction by Stack.
Second Session.
10:00 P.M. Informal Songfest.

Sunday, October 4

9:00 A.M. Visit to John Woodman
Higgins Armory.
11:00 A.M. Church
12:00 Noon Lecture
1:00 P.M. Business Meeting.
Election of Officers
2:00 P.M. Banquet
6:00 P.M. Convention officially
closed.

Also, he has arranged with the Sheraton Hotel management the reservation of 50 rooms for our membership who will stay over the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. We strongly urge, though, that if you intend securing a room for that period that you notify them in advance.

The following rates for rooms of various appointments have been submitted by the Sheraton Hotel in Worcester for one night:

Single
\$4.50
5.00
5.85
6.50
7.25

Double
\$8.50
9.35
9.75
10.75
12.75

PRE-CONVENTION NOTES

Did you remember to write and let Elvin Eagles, 15 Woodrow Road, Millbury, know that you were sending or bringing one or more display cases for the exhibit?

Have you paid your 1953 or back dues as yet? Send your remittance to Miss Eloise Cloues, 88 Elm Street, Worcester, Mass. Some expense money is needed now to carry on the work of the convention and your paper.

Also, when you can, even if you are in the mountains or at the beach on vacation, send a card to Miss Cloues saying you intend to join the New England Coin gang in October at Worcester. This can read "I'll be there" instead of the trite "Wish you were here."

Arthur Conn reports unusual activity among the dealers for the bourse. May we suggest that you be planning and thinking about the coins and material you need for your collections and come prepared in October to take advantage of the bourse bargains that we know will be there. Every past convention proves that the bourse will be popular.

Stack's catalog will be ready soon and mailed to you. If you wish to be mentioned as a Booster for the convention, send a dollar and your name to the chairman, Earl Bellis, 38 Elm Street, Worcester, Mass. This would have to be done right away, before the printing material is sent to the printer.

The following petition is submitted by our member Henry Schuhmacher and is published in this issue in accordance with Article 7 - Section 2 of the New England Numismatic Association's Articles of Confederation:

WHEREAS Shepard Pond in his desire to consolidate interests among local numismatists, suggested and accomplished the establishment in 1941 of The New England Numismatic Conference:

WHEREAS Shepard Pond in his wisdom, assumed the position that such an institution could and should prosper as a common meeting-place for like-minded hobbyists:

WHEREAS Henry Schuhmacher, then President of the Boston Numismatic Society, successfully promoted the first revival of the New England Numismatic Conference in 1946: WHEREAS at Providence in 1947, a small group not now active in the same movement, succeeded against the advice, wishes and better judgement of the organizers and propagators of the "Conference", did by unethical means change the name of "Conference" to ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS to defeat at all costs, those defenders of retaining the title "Conference", certain opposition violated normally accepted methods by the trick of surprise tactics:

WHEREAS the action was not advertised as a feature of the regularly scheduled meeting at Providence in 1947:

WHEREAS supporters of retention were disbarred from participating in the action to change the title from "Conference": WHEREAS the chief aim in changing the name was basically political and without regard for the respect of the originator:

WHEREAS no clear, conclusive reasons for changing the name were offered by those responsible for the unethical alteration: WHEREAS the term "conference" implied a consultation of a common interest, that of an avocation by and for collectors, without mercantile aspect:

WHEREAS the term ASSOCIATION carries the taint of commercialism:

WHEREAS altering of the original title was contrary to the ideals and purposes of Shepard Pond whose long services for the Boston Numismatic Society and The American Numismatic Association, should be respected:

BE IT RESOLVED that this organization shall honor the memory of Shepard Pond by reverting to the original name of The New England Numismatic Conference.

Composed, written and presented by Henry Schuhmacher, April 27, 1953

Attest by Henry Schuhmacher

This petition will be voted upon by members in good standing at our Annual Business Meeting at the Convention.

CLUB NEWS

Boston Numismatic Society - June Meeting

The next meeting of the Society will be in September. Members will be advised of the time, place and speaker prior to the meeting date.

Applications for membership have been received from Messrs. Crawford, Hayman, and Perkins. These will be voted on at the September meeting.

Mr. Horace Grant has put up a prize consisting of a set of Rhode Island Continental notes from one to twenty dollars to be awarded to the member obtaining the most new members between June and the first of November.

The B.N.S. has voted to endorse the following as officers of the A.N.A. for next year: President - Dr. Juad; Vice-President - Mr. Tanosh; 2nd Vice President Col. Curtis; Secretary - Mr. Reagan; Treasurer - Mr. Klein; Board of Governors - Capt. Dodson, Mrs. Pond, Mr. Smedley.

NOTICE: The yearly party will be held on July 14 at Mel Came's home, 132 Broadway, Dover, New Hampshire. All those planning to attend this lobster feed, please contact Mel so that he shall be able to plan an adequate supply.

Dr. Miller spoke on the Sanders Library which he and Mr. Came have purchased. They offer some of the books to the Society at cost and the Society has appropriated \$50 to avail ourselves of this offer. A committee of Messrs. Clapp and Follard have been appointed to establish proper housing for the books so obtained.

Guest speaker was Mr. Hans Schulman of New York. He gave a vivid comparison of Dutch versus American coin club meetings, gave us many interesting sidelights on the former director of the Mint, Nellie Taylor Ross, and told us the facts behind her opposition to the Commemorative Pine Tree Quarter. We heard of King Farouk's coin collection, how Mr. Schulman's father became one of the agents for the King, how Hans travelled to Egypt to examine the collection and list its rarities. He described the King's efforts to take the coins with him when he was exiled, how the efforts were foiled and now the collection is to be disposed of at auction by an English firm for the Egyptian government.

He also spoke on and displayed very many odd and curious coins of the world, also items which have been used as coins, such as the pack saddle money of the Laos;

Chinese razor, pants, and arrow head money; mimbas, etc.

Mr. Schulman has advised us of the following new Customs regulations: 1 - Gold coins struck after 1933 are contraband if struck for collectors only and not as a circulating medium; 2 - Importation of Chinese coins is illegal if they originated in China.

With best wishes for an enjoyable vacation.

Lewis W. Follard, Secretary

Exhibits:

Mr. Scott: complete set of large cents, 1856 eagle cent, six silver dollars 1795-1800, 1936 proof set, seven types of U.S. 10 dollar gold eagles.

Miss Lincoln: 1795 half cent rare variety; 1927 proof Austria 100 Schillings; 1909-S Indian half cent brilliant unc; Proof medals - Victoria Bridge, 1860 and Pilgrim Jubilee Memorial.

Mr. Schulman: 23 Japanese gold coins of the 1500-1800 period including the largest gold oban; 50 tael sycee boat money of China; 20 tael bar of Annam; Dekadrachm of Syracuse 500 B.C.; Knife, bridge, pants money of Tchou dynasty of China 1000 BC; Pig money of Papua; Plate money of Sweden; Ghizi penny of Liberia; and many colored pictures of his travels in Egypt.

Worcester County Numismatic Society -

The June meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held at the Worcester Historical Society on June 12, 1953 with Clifford F. Howe calling the meeting to order. There were forty-three members and guests present. The monthly financial report and the minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Eleven new members were voted into membership and three new applications were read.

The members appropriated \$50 to be given to the Central Massachusetts Disaster Committee, Inc. for aid to the tornado victims.

Owing to the tornado, our speaker for the evening, The Most Reverend John J. Wright, Doctor of Divinity, Bishop of Worcester, was unable to attend. The program for the evening was an auction conducted by Mr. DuPont. A period of "talk and swap" followed, which was interesting and informative to every one present.

John J. Kittredge, Secretary

An interesting article appeared in the Worcester Sunday Telegram, Feature Parade Section, on June 21st, illustrating and describing silver medal owned by our secretary.

1863 SILVER MEDAL

RECALLS HIGH SCHOOL AWARD

by Nicholas Zook

You see a round, sterling silver medal in an antique shop. It is inscribed with a name and a date that is almost a century back. You buy it. And, because you possess a natural curiosity, you begin to wonder about the medal's history.

Research is a ticklish thing. If you are lucky, you dig up romantic gold in dusty tomes in a short time. If you're unlucky, you find nothing for long periods of time.

Miss Eloise A. Cloues of 88 Elm Street, Worcester, was somewhere in between. The history of the medal she bought in a Worcester antique shop eluded her for a year and a half.

It was stamped, "Worcester High School Bullock Medal." It was six months before she learned the Bullock mentioned was Alexander H. Bullock, one-time mayor of Worcester and governor of Massachusetts.

It was another year before she dug into old school reports at the Worcester Public Library to round out the medal's history. Biographies of Mr. Bullock failed to mention the medal.

She says, "I was happy to spend the time in research. It's part of the fun of collecting. From the first, the medal interested me a great deal because it obviously originated in Worcester."

Miss Cloues collects coins as a hobby, took it up in 1947 when her interest in a button collection faded.

Check Worcester high schools now and you'll learn medals are today an uncommon scholastic award. The Daughters of the American Revolution do give one for excellence in United States history.

But for the most part, scholastic awards are in the form of cash, books, pins placards or scholarships.

So, Miss Cloues' purchase of the medal led to an unusual bit of Worcester history.

Mayor Bullock penned a letter to the City Council on October 31, 1859 to encourage higher achievement in scholastics and deportment in high schools.

He donated a year's salary as mayor,

the sum of \$1000, to the city for establishment of awards. The City Council accepted the fund and resolved that 20 medals would be distributed annually from the fund income as prizes among students.

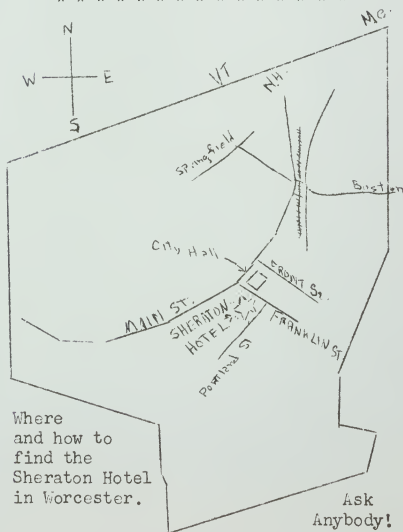
Distribution of the medals was: for excellence in department, 4; classical studies, 4; English studies, 4; mathematics, 4; composition, 1; declamation, 1; reading, 1, and French, 1.

The first awards were presented after examinations in May, 1860. But school officials soon found it was difficult to make awards fairly. Many pupils took some subjects, while few took others. They reasoned there was some measure of injustice in this.

The awards were continued for seven more years. In February, 1868, with the consent of Mr. Bullock, the income of the fund was diverted to purchase of books for high school libraries. It exists today.

The medal in Miss Cloues' possession was awarded to Mary H. Warren in 1863.

"But," asks Miss Cloues, "there were 160 persons who received awards. As far as I know, mine is the only medal of this type in existence. The question is, what happened to the other 159?"



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ANNUAL CONVENTION

The ninth annual convention of the New England Numismatic Association held in Worcester at the Hotel Sheraton, October 3 and 4, was very successful to the membership. If you were unable to attend, be sure to take in the next one in October of 1954 which will be held in Hartford, Connecticut.

The Worcester County Numismatic Society cooperated famously, even to having their monthly meeting advanced to October 2, so that as soon as their business was over, they were able to depart to the Hotel Sheraton, and extend welcomes to and entertain the out of town visitors to the convention who arrived in numbers Friday evening.

Registration was brisk Saturday morning and continued throughout the day. The auction by Stack's started on time and the first part of choice U.S. items evoked spirited bidding from the floor.

At the adjournment of the afternoon session of the auction, a delicious buffet supper was served at 6:00 P.M. Everyone had high praise for the tasty tid-bits of many varieties awaiting hungry appetites. Then the evening session of the auction by Stack's concluded Saturday's official activities. Many were the conversations of shop talk of all phases of coin collecting and of renewed acquaintanceships.

On Sunday a delightful trip was made to the John Higgins Armory followed by James Clapp's lecture at the hotel at noon.

He gave a most interesting and instructive slide lecture detailing most vividly the part that some coins have played to give facts and information to historians, philosophers and students of the arts. His apt selection and discussion of a few coins gave devastating proof that numismatics is the instructor and interpreter of some historical figures and events.

His analysis of the utilitarian art of the famous Athenian tetradram calculates to be most provocative to the artistic world.

We have most praise for his lecture and advise all who can, to hear it when Jim gives his talk again, as we know a repeat will be demanded.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED

Mr. Earl V. Tuttle, President opened the meeting at 1:00 P.M. with 40 members present. Mr. Tuttle read a letter received from Captain C. H. Dodson expressing his regrets that he could not attend the two

day conventions.

The President then gave his message to the assembled gathering: "It is with great pleasure that I report that NENA has grown in the past year to 320 members. I want to congratulate the Convention Chairman, Mr. Earl Bellis and all of the Committee members who have made this Convention the great success that it is. Also I want to thank all of the New England Clubs for the help and advice they gave us the past year, I hope that they will give the incoming President their generous help and I wish for them a record breaking year. I wish to thank Mr. Max H. Kuhner for the very fine booklet that he donated to the NENA for distribution to every registered attendant at the convention. So let's all of the clubs and members put our shoulders to the wheel and make NENA even greater next year."

Secretay Miss Eloise Cloues then read the report of last year's (1952) business meeting which was held in Boston, Massachusetts. It was accepted as read and approved. The Treasurers report was then read, accepted and approved.

Then followed the reports of the various state Directors. The general opinion was that there was increased activity in all of the New England States in Coin collecting. A new trend was evident in the type of exhibits being displayed both in clubs and conventions. The change being that fewer coins were used per display but made more interesting with a great deal of background work being done before completing the exhibit.

Mr. Charles DuPont then gave his report as Publisher of NENA NEWS. Mr. Arthur Moore, Editor of NENA thanked all who had placed advertisements and sent in material. Mr. Moore made a plea for more advertisements and also asked that members send in articles. It was felt that if more interest were not shown in NENA NEWS, publication would have to be discontinued. All members present agreed to send in articles of interest to other collectors. It was agreed that NENA NEWS should be continued and its life now depends on its members.

The two resolutions which were published in NENA NEWS two months previous-

ly were now considered. The petition as submitted by Mr. Henry Schuhmacher was read. (See July, 1953 issue of NENA NEWS)

Mr. Walker of Connecticut was the first speaker recognized. He reported that he was in attendance at the meeting in Providence to which the petition referred. He felt that we must give recognition to Mr. Pond, but should retain the name of Association, and remember that Mr. Pond was the first President.

Mr. Earl Tuttle then reported on his visit to Mr. Schuhmacher, and explained that Mr. Schuhmacher would not press the petition and his absence at this meeting was noted. Mr. Aruthr Moore asked to have the petition tabled but such action was opposed by Mr. E. Gould who said "Don't table this petition but vote on it and get it over". The motion was made and seconded that the Schuhmacher petition be voted on. It was then voted that the present name of association be retained and that it should not be changed to Conference as requested.

Mr. James F. Clapp, Jr. asked for the floor with a proposal to call the annual convention a Conference. A motion was made to have the proposed change published in a later issue of NENA NEWS for consideration at the next annual meeting.

The second Petition, a proposal that Article 7 - Section 2 be amended, was read and voted upon unanimously to be adopted. (See May, 1953 issued of NENA NEWS).

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mr. Clifford Howe, chairman. As no further nominations were received from the floor, it was voted to close the nominations and the secretary was ordered to cast one vote in favor of the nominations as read.

The officers as elected are:
President: Mr. Theodore W. Robbins,
South Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Conn.
Vice-President: Mr. Elvin Eagles, 15
Woodrow Road, Millbury, Mass.
Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Robert Gerrish,
Wadsworth Gardens, Building 5, Apt. H2,
East Hartford, Connecticut.

Directors: - Connecticut - Mr. Joseph Melnik, 134 N. Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut. Maine - Mr. Maurice A. Storck, Box 2155 South Portland, Maine. Massachusetts - Mr. Earle V. Tuttle, 1157 Grafton Street, Worcester, Mass. New Hampshire - Mr. Kenneth E. Bressett, 28 Woodbury Street, Keene, New Hampshire. Rhode Island - Mr. Fred M. Bushnell, Jr. 16 Ivan Avenue, Riverside 15, R. I. Vermont - Mr. Donald S. Walton, 31 Commonwealth Ave., Springfield, Vt. Publicity Director: John H. Miller, M. D. Laconia Clinic, Laconia, New Hampshire. Publisher: Charles J. DuPont, 2 Windemere Road, Worcester, Mass. Editor: Arthur R. Moore, 16 Creeper Hill Road, North Grafton, Mass.

On motion made by Mr. Robbins of Hartford, Conn. it was voted to have the next convention in Hartford, Conn. at the new Statler Hotel. The actual date of the convention to be announced later.

Under new business, Mr. J. Melnich asked if NENA could have a banner to be used at every Convention. Mr. Jim Clapp seconded this motion and it was voted to have such a banner. Mr. H. MacIntosh made a motion that a committee of three members be named by the President and the sum of not more than \$50.00 be appropriated for the use of the committee in the purchase of a banner. It was so voted.

Mr. Tuttle then appointed a committee consisting of Mr. J. Clapp, Jr., chairman, Mr. MacIntosh and Mr. Melnik with instruction that the banner should read "The New England Numismatic Association". Mr. Ken Bressett brought to the attention of the meeting the desirability of having the directors meeting on week ends instead of week days in order that the various state directors could attend more conveniently. The suggestion was referred to the next President for later attention.

Mr. Jim Clapp asked for a rising round of applause for Earl Tuttle, the retiring president.

The Business Meeting was Adjourned.

At the closure of an excellent Sirloin Roast Beef dinner the following

took place at 3:00 P.M.

For the program which followed the Banquet Mr. Earl Bellis Convention Chairman presided and first introduced guests and members seated at the head table, among whom were Mayor Holmstrom, of Worcester, Mrs. June T. Pond, and Mr. Hans H. Schulman.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Bellis expressed his appreciation of all who had helped to make the convention a success and called on the officers of the Worcester Club to rise. He then spoke on the very unusual pamphlet "Moneys thru the Ages" which Mr. Max H. Kuhnner had supplied for distribution at the convention and of his appreciation for this donation. He also thanked Mr. James Ford Clapp, Jr. for his voluntary assistance in arrangements for the convention. He then asked Mr. Clifford Howe, President of the Worcester County Numismatic Society, to make a presentation to Mayor Holmstrom of the two Conventions medals, one Bronze, one Silver, which had been struck in commemoration of the occasion and carried on the obverse the official seal of Worcester, Mass. With his acceptance Mayor Holmstrom expressed his pleasure in receiving the medals and spoke of his interest in coin collecting. As mayor of Worcester he gave a hearty welcome to all who came to the Convention and hoped that we would again revisit the city.

Regarding the exhibits and prizes Mr. Bellis' comments on the many unusual exhibits emphasized the fact that much thought and effort had been devoted to these displays.

At this point Mr. Bellis introduced Mr. Hans H. Schulman of New York as the main speaker of the program.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Schulman spoke of the interesting lecture earlier in the day given by Mr. James F. Clapp, Jr. Mr. Schulman's topic was of extreme interest because of its unusual story of odd and curious coins. It could easily be called the romantic side of coinage. Wooden pigs, Sword Money, etc. were part of his story, telling stories of the method of wife buying in New Guinea, in the Congo, and the Gold Coast of Africa. Mr. Schulman then went on to explain about the beginning of the U.S. Money holding that the

Spanish milled Dollar is the true early American money, and that the newer coin books on American money would publish this fact.

A facile speaker with many humorous interjections, his talk was enjoyed immensely by the members.

This brought to a close our 1953 annual get-together, a very successful visit to Worcester by our members and friends.

The following dealers were holders of the BOURSE TABLES: Melvin Came, Andrew Scott, Copley Coin Co., M. L. Kaplan, New Netherlands Coin Co., C. J. Edgar, Royal Coin Co., Imperial Coin Co., Liberty Coin Co., Hollinbeck Stamp & Coin Co.

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| 2nd award: Mrs. Eva Rainsville | "Coins of Birds and Animals" |
| 77 Chandler Street, Worcester, Mass. | |
| 3rd award: Mrs. Flora Bryand | "Coins of Great Britian and her Possessions" |
| 85 Forest St., Worcester, Mass. | |
| 4th award: Mrs. June T. Pond | "English Medals" |
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| Worcester, Mass. | |
| Worcester Historical Society | "Fractional Currency" |
| Worcester, Mass. | |
| 2nd Ribbon: Mr. Elvin Eagles | "Hudson Fulton Medals" |
| Millbury, Mass. | |
| Harold Whiteneck | "Ancient Coins" |
| Boston, Mass. | |
| Earle Tuttle | "Crowns" |
| Worcester, Mass. | |
| 3rd Ribbon: Laurence J. Cadwell | "Large Cents" |
| Fitchburg, Mass. | |
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THE TRADING OF GOLD

Did you know that the world wide smuggling of gold (gold bars and gold coins) totaled about \$1,200,000,000 in 1952 - nearly \$3,500,000 a day! Thus, according to Franz Pick, the world has a billion dollar black market in gold.

He mentions, as we learned, a year ago, that is, those of us who attended the NENA Convention in Boston in 1952, the Italian "syndicate" of gold dealers who started minting gold coins in 1950. At the Boston convention we learned that this group having in their possession the dies of British, Austrian, Hungarian, French and other countries coins were manufacturing them, thus gaining a premium of about 30% converting the gold to coins for collectors.

He reports now that about \$6,000,000 worth of sovereigns, napoleons, ducats, etc. are manufactured a month by these enterprising business men. Italy's private gold minting industry, absolutely legal as "medal manufacturing", nets monthly dollar profits of more than \$1,000,000, and these coins are sold to dealers all over the world.

Most of the illicit trading and transportation of gold flourished because of inflation and currency depreciation in various countries, particularly after wars. And the last war affecting so many countries and so much spent on the present cold war have made the black market in gold both legitimate and illegal.

The capitols of the world are the active trading markets for the yellow stuff. In Asia: Bombay, Calcutta, Ceylon, Bangkok, Saigon, Singapore, Macao, and Honk Kink. In Africa: Alexandria, Cairo, Tangier, and Casablanca. While in Europe; Paris is the world's largest gold center, where it is estimated \$1,500,000 in gold coins and bars change hands daily.

Dealers in Buenos Aires, Dakar, Cairo, Madrid, Paris, London, Milan, Athens, Beirut and Singapore (to name a few of the principal trading centers of black markets) continue to sell illegal transfers of any currency, securities, or gold from one country or one continent to another.

Governments have to accept the black market whether they like it or not, because they are unable to dominate them. South Africa, Northern Rhodesia, Australia, and Canada have outlawed gold ownership, by their own citizens, yet they sell most of their gold production to dealers, who they know sell it in the black market only.

Only recently, as reported by the Associated Press, gold in the open market in Paris has fallen in price, now said to be only a few cents more than our price of \$35.00 an ounce. Is it believed that Russia is releasing some of its gold (claimed to be the largest hoard in the world) to buy various national currencies for future trades and purchases.

Currency depreciation and black markets go hand in hand since time immemorial and no one has come up with any solution to the problem of controlling or maintaining the stability of money. Even elaborate and seemingly fool proof control such as the Soviet Union exercised over her satellites can be reduced to chaos in a day by violent depreciation or appreciation by their neighbors' currencies.

NOTES

The following Christmas Parties of New England Clubs as reported to us are on the following dates.

Collectors Club of Boston - December 7.

Worcester County Numismatic Society - December 11.

Boston Numismatic Society - December 15.

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A new coin club is being formed in Massachusetts. An organization meeting has been held in Warren, Massachusetts and probably their first get-together will be soon.

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We have been sort of holding off printing these reports from the local clubs in New England, hoping we'd get to run off some more than just Boston and Worcester news. Howsomever, these are all we have, so we'll have to put them there, minutes of just Boston N.S. and Worcester C.N.S. meeting reports in for this issue.

First - Boston
Lewis W. Pollard, Sec'y.

Second - Worcester
Jolin J. Kittredge, Sec'y.

Messrs. Hayman, Crawford and Perkins have been elected members of our Society. Applications from Messrs. Howe, Hoyt, and Liberty were read and shall be voted upon at the October meeting.

Your attention is called to the Horace Grant prize for obtaining new members. Award will be made in November.

Pres. Pond read a letter from Lloyd Gettys regarding the position of Director of the Mint. All members desirous of having Mr. Gettys appointed to this position please write to Chairman, Republican National Committee- Leonard W. Hall, 923 Fifteenth Street N.W., Washington, 5, D.C.

Mr. Clapp spoke about the ANA

Dallas Convention. He wants to go back there. The Eliasberg Collection was on display - every U.S. coin except the dime. The Bank of Mexico displayed all coins of the Mexico mint from 1536 to the present date.

Pres. Pond described the success of Jim Clapp's talk on Roman Republican Coinage. Mel Came was winner of the top award for individual displays in National Coin week. He is to be highly congratulated for his efforts. See the writeup of his show on Page 823 of the August Numismatist. Earl Tuttle was chosen as a member of the National Election Committee and also accepted the Worcester Society's award for National Coin Week. Maurice Gould, Jim Clapp and Earl Tuttle attended the Club Representatives Breakfast. Among our out-of-state members present were Capt. Dodson - moderator of the Educational Program; Abe Kosoff - the convention auctioneer; Abner Kreisberg; ANA Past Presidents Colonel Moss and Vernon Sheldon; Edward Gens, who has recently adopted California; Ed Rice; Ben Stack and Jerry Eisenberg. We understand that the Pres. of the Dallas Coin Club, Rob Schermerhorn acted as genial host to all ENS members and others.

Congratulations to Capt. Dodson and Mrs. Pond on their reelection to the Board of Governors.

Summer activities: Andy Scott, the vacationing numismatist spoke of his conquests on Cape Cod and in Vermont. Jim Clapp described the July party held at Mel Came's in Dover, New Hampshire. He indicated that it was tops and wonderful time was had by all. The only bad thing was the fog that Andy Scott had to drive through on the way home.

The Society has purchased 10 volumes of the Sanders' Library and 11 additional items have been donated by Messrs. Came and Miller. These will form the nucleus of a new ENS Library, which will be housed possibly at the Widener Library of Harvard, and be available to all members upon request.

Exhibits:

June Pond: Medal of the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, ANA Dallas Convention badges and literature.

Grace Lincoln: Bracelet of 7 Roman coins and Necklace with 1 Roman coin.

Change of Address:

Jesse Klein, 95 Langley Rd.,
Newton Centre
Dr. Paul Steinberg, 32 Parkway Rd.
Brookline
Edward Gans, 10 Rock Lane
Berkeley, Calif.

The following were voted membership in our Society: Messrs. Hoyt, Howe, Liberty. Mrs. Came was a guest at the October meeting.

Mel Came spoke on Canadian Paper Money, starting with the Charter Banks of 1800, through the broken banks, up to the legal tender notes of the present day. Many of the broken bank notes are scarce with some being extremely rare. These notes were of beautiful designs and in some instances carried advertising on the reverse side. The talk was well illustrated with Mel's collection of choice specimens of the Canadian bills.

The subject of striking a medal using an obsolete silver coin having one side struck with a die of the Society was discussed and upon vote was referred to the coming council meeting for action.

The attention of all present was called to the Horace Grant prize for the membership drive. This set of notes will be awarded at the coming meeting.

Pres. Pond again requests all members to return to her or the secretary all Society-owned material which they may have in their possession.

After considerable discussion, it was voted that all Society-owned publications be deposited in the Widener Library for a period of twenty-five years.

Earl Bellis described the NENA Convention.

Earl Tuttle (otherwise known as NENA President) spoke on his collection of crowns, with specific displays of crowns of Russia from Peter 1 to Alexander III. He told a curious fact - on Russian crowns from 1797 to 1862 - the head of the ruler was not shown, because Czar Paul disliked his image and refused to have it displayed. This set up a precedent which lasted for almost 90 years. Earl collects all new types of present day crowns, told of playing checkers with large cents and eagle cents back in the days when he was a boy with platinum-blond curls. He thinks that Austria initiated the best designs and workmanship on her coins of any modern nation.

Letters from Dr. Judd, Pres. of ANA and Col. Moss were read by Pres. Pond.

EXHIBITS:

Mel Came: Complete set of \$5.00 Canada Charter notes, all unc; \$100 note of 1927; varieties of the 1935 Jubilee \$25 note in English and French; \$4 note 1900; \$4 note 1902 - both very rare; first Canada bank note 1792; 10 different notes of charter banks still operating - beautiful designs.

Ben Lowenstam; Assay Commission Medal of 1895; large silver medal of Latvia 1930 awarded for industry; large pewter medal of Lord Wellington; large bronze medal of award of Pan Pacific Exhibition.

The Christmas Party will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16,

at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston.

By vote of the members present, the regular meeting which was to have been held December 1, 1953 has been cancelled in favor of the Christmas Party.

There were thirty seven present at the November meeting, including guests Mrs. Came, Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Hibler, Mr. Grant, Mr. Gove, Mr. Burns, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Frates. Mr. DeLellis spoke on the National Coin Week awards, described the displays and presented Certificates of Participation to those who had exhibited.

Applications for membership have been received from Messrs. Burns, Barnes, Gove and Hibler. These will be voted on in December.

A nominating committee has been appointed. Members are Mr. Clapp, Mrs. Tuttle, Mr. DeLellis. They will present a list of candidates next month.

Horace Grant spoke in praise of the work done by Mr. DeLellis and presented him with a sheet of colonial currency notes for his efforts on behalf of the Society. Mr. Grant also presented to Mr. Pollard the award for the membership drive, but expressed disappointment at the meager results and lack of effort by members in this contest.

The committee in charge of the Christmas Party consists of Earl Tuttle, Dr. Miller, Jim Clapp and Grace Lincoln. After considerable discussion and planning, they request the following - each member bring a gift worth \$1.00 retail. In return, they promise door prizes, dancing and music, entertainment, and a punch bowl.

Miss Mannering spoke on proof set of Elizabeth 11; Mr. Came described the proof set of South Africa Elizabeth 11 and the new Mexico 5 peso piece; Mr. Tuttle had crowns; Mr. Clapp described a Nazi Mother's Medal and ancient coins; and Mr. Pollard showed Chinese and foreign currency. Mr. Came presented each person with a small Mexican spirit coin.

Miss Levesque won a first prize for her Venetian Banquet Cloth and a fourth

prize for Spanish Silk Shawl displays at Industrial Exposition held at Mechanic's Building last month.

The next meeting of the Society will be held January 5, 1954 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston.

The annual election of officers will be held at this meeting. Nominations have been made as follows:

Pres.	June Pond
V.Pres.	Ben Lowenstam
Sec.	James Clapp
Treas.	Mal Chell-Frost
Councillors	Andy Scott
	Goodwin Engelsberg
Trustee	Henry Schuhmacher
Curator	Chandler Foster

Messrs. Barnes, Burns, Gove, Hibler have been elected to membership. Applications have been received from Messrs. Hodges, Farnham, Mrs. Came.

The Room Committee has submitted its report that we may obtain a more favorable rate from the Hotel if ten members will gather for supper at the Town Room prior to this meeting. A get-together for supper like this should prove enjoyable and as many as can do so are urged to meet. There were 25 members and 8 guests at the Christmas party which was a great success. Stories were told by Earl Tuttle, Jim Clapp, Dr. Miller and Andy Scott. Door prizes were awarded and everyone obtained a Christmas Gift. Mr. Koch played the piano for group singing and general entertainment. The refreshments and punch bowl were a great hit. If you were not there, you missed a first-rate time. Even the misletoe was busy.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EXHIBITS:

Mr. Grant: frame of continental notes, uncut sheet of small size dollar notes, 2 pieces of copper plate money, the following all encased in plastic -- Wampum, fractional U.S. note, Admiral Howe Medal, 1786 3 dollar continental note.

The September meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held at the Worcester Historical Society on September 10, 1953 with forty-five members and guests present. Clifford F. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. and welcomed the members to the first of the Fall meetings. He noted that last year at this time we had sixty members, and now we have ninety-five members. The minutes of the Summer meetings and the monthly financial reports were read.

Earl V. Tuttle gave a report of the activities at the American Numismatic Association Convention held at Dallas, Texas in the latter part of August.

There was an exhibition of all proof coins issued since 1936 by Andrew S. Scott.

The New England Numismatic Association Convention will be held in Worcester on October 3 and 4, 1953 and plans were made by the club members about our activities as host club for this event. Our meeting night will be one week earlier next month to coincide with this event.

One of our members, Max H. Kuhner, has written an illustrated brochure entitled "Money Through The Ages", which he will donate to each person registering at the Convention. The beautiful illustrations are also by the author.

Mr. A. V. Sundstrom made a suggestion that a table be set up each month for swapping and selling coins.

The program for the evening was and auction conducted by Mr. Charles J. DuPont. This was a donation auction to replenish the treasury for the money donated to the Central Massachusetts Disaster Committee. Many interesting pieces were sold, and there was lively bidding by all members present.

Coffee and sandwiches were served following the auction.

The October meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held at the Worcester Historical Society on

October 2, 1953 with fifty four members and guests present. Clifford F. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. and welcomed all the members and guests. The minutes of the September meeting and the monthly financial reports were read. One of our members, June T. Pond was congratulated on her re-election to the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association. The members voted to have the Annual Christmas Party again this year.

Earl Bellis and Earl V. Tuttle welcomed our club members and guests to the New England Numismatic Association's Convention which will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, 1953. They expressed their hope that everyone would attend and enjoy themselves at this convention. Plans were made to provide transportation to the Higgins Armory for all persons attending the convention. The members voted to send our president, Clifford F. Howe, as the Worcester County Numismatic Society's official representative to the Convention.

The lunch and attendance prizes were won by Ronald Evenson, A. V. Sundstrom, Charles Stevens, and Max H. Kuhner.

Eloise Cloues had a display of Columbian Medals and related articles pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1892. Andrew S. Scott displayed a genuine 1856 Flying Eagle cent, and also an altered date. William F. Mitchell displayed a frame of Fractional Currency. The script had been cleverly and artistically altered to show the gentlemen wearing an old fashioned night gown and cap, a politician, a pirate, and many other interesting characters.

At the conclusion of the meeting cider and doughnuts were served.

The November meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was held on November 13, 1953 at the Worcester Historical Society with fifty-one members and guests present. Clifford F. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The monthly financial report and the minutes

of the October meeting were read and accepted. Two applications for membership were read and will be voted upon at the December meeting.

Harold E. Swasey gave a report of the first meeting of the new club which is starting at Warren, Massachusetts. Their next meeting will be held on December 3, 1953 at the Memorial Hall in Warren, Mass.

There was a report from Samuel T. Gow, chairman of the nominating committee for President: Eloise A. Cloues, Vice-President: Elvin W. Eagles, Treasurer: John J. Kittredge, and for secretary: Mrs. Roger H. Bryant.

The meeting place for the Annual Christmas Party this year will be the Hotel Sheraton. The members voted to have the Buffett Supper. Andrew S. Scott announced that the Christmas Party of the Boston Numismatic Society will be held on December 15, 1953 and the Collector's Club will hold theirs on December 7, 1953.

Andrew S. Scott gave a report on the convention held at Washington, D. C., which he attended.

Attendance prizes for this month were won by Mrs. Eva R. Rainville, Eugene Dragon, and John J. Kittredge. The lunch prize was won by Edward W. Rice.

The program for the evening was an auction conducted by Maurice Gould. The material was of the highest quality, and included such items as large cents all in very fine condition, silver dollars, Commemorative Half dollars, uncirculated dimes, nickels, and cents.

Coffee, ice cream and cookies were served following the auction.

The December meeting of the Worcester County Numismatic Society was the Annual Christmas Party held at the Hotel Sheraton on December 11, 1953. There were 58 members and guests present.

The evening began with a buffet supper which was followed by the drawing of the attendance prizes.

The Club presented Mrs. Joseph J. Kittredge with a copper chaffing dish for her services as club hostess for the past year.

Following this, the new officers were voted into office. They are:
President: Eloise A. Cloues
Vice-President: Elvin W. Eagles
Treasurer: John J. Kittredge
Secretary: Mrs. Roger H. Bryant

Our retiring president, Clifford F. Howe, presented Eloise A. Cloues with the gavel. We then had short messages from Clifford F. Howe and Eloise A. Cloues. Clifford F. Howe thanked all the members and committees for their marvelous support during 1953. Eloise A. Cloues presented Clifford F. Howe with a pair of cuff links.

The entertainment of the evening was fifteen people from North Grafton who entertained us with delightful songs, dances and jokes for over an hour.

We then had a visit from Santa Claus who distributed Christmas presents to everybody.

COMMEMORATIVES?

Because of unavoidable delays by the editor, you'll know long before you receive this issue that Pres. Eisenhower has vetoed the commemorative coinage bills that had passed Congress. It has caused considerable disappointment among collectors and the various organizations and committees formed, that sponsored the historical remembrances.

We, in Mass. were disappointed in 1952, when the nick-named pine tree quarter was frowned upon and was not adopted as a commemorative coin. We are still of the opinion that great historical events should be remembered through special issues of coins, but they should be of a national order: certainly no lower interest than a state wide event. The Louisiana Purchase proposed coin was to our mind well suited as a national historical event commemorated. The past practice of issuing half dollars to a committee or a society for fifty cents by the treasury and the recipients in turn selling the coins to collectors at a premium does, it seems, no matter how worthy the cause, make money on U. S. currency.

If commemorative coinage should be resumed, all should participate as in the sale of stamps by the Post Office Department.
